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eland said using non-
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Parks and Recreation
dan Crocker reported
only received one bid
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fields, and that bid
5,210 for the year.
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agenda for the meeting outlining
the board's business for the meet-
ing.

The board was set to discuss re-
pairs needed for the second com-
pactor recently purchased by the
Burlington-Lowell Transfer Sta-
tion, noting that a problem had
been identified in that the breaker
bar, or top edge of the compactor
is "too high for some roll-offs."
Smith spoke with an official at
Atlantic Recycling, from which
the town bought the compac-
tor, about the issue. Smith told
Lincoln News the company will
repair it when the weather gets
warmer.

A & G Dirtworks, a Howland
company, was scheduled to de-
liver two loads of salt, and sand,

Passadumkeag loses heat at town office

By Ben Meiklejohn

PASSADUMKEAG -- Select-
men, staff and residents gathered
with coats and hats in a frigid
meeting room Feb. 5 to discuss
the town's business.

It was reported later in the meet-
ing that the building's heat pumps
were no longer functioning cor-
rectly.

The selectmen opened the meet-
ing with an executive session to
discuss a property tax abatement.

After returning to public session,
Third Selectman Jana Spencer
reported that she had received
communication from officials at
the Department of Transportation
about an incident that happened
Dec. 23 with Hathaway Bridge
being closed to traffic.

Spencer said the bridge under-
went an annual inspection that
day.

"The inspection team is required
to be in arms' reach of these criti-
cal locations to accomplish the
inspection," Spencer read from
the communique. "On these low-
volume roads, they typically
close it down for 30 minutes at a
time and pull out of the way for
any traffic."

Spencer questioned whether the

Division Pete Coughlin about up-
dating town-maintained roads on
the department's maps, and the
map updates were completed the
following week. Another Depart-
ment of Transportation official,
Road Ranger Paul Brown, would
soon be visiting the town "to dis-
cuss better ways of snow removal
and salting and sanding of winter
roads," noted Smith on the agenda.

Smith said Brown was willing
to meet with the town and A & G
Dirtworks to offer possible prac-
tices to apply the salt and sand on
the town's roads most efficiently.

The board began a preliminary
development of the town's next
fiscal year budget, which runs
from Feb. 1, 2026 to Jan. 31,
2027.

inspectors really pulled out of the
way for traffic.

At a previous meeting, a resi-
dent mentioned during public
comment that there was a delay
at the bridge of approximately a
half hour before the driver was al-
lowed to pass.

Spencer said department of-
ficials agreed to "communicate
these delays in the future."

Spencer reported the unfortunate
news that Greenbush resident Jer-
emy Wood -- a general contrac-
tor who plowed for the town and
was set to pour a concrete floor in
the new municipal building being
constructed -- had died Feb. 1.

"It's very sad. He was very
young and he wasn't unhealthy,"
she said.

His son, who plows, is still per-
forming the work that his father
contracted with the town, Spencer
said.

"They're still doing the jobs and
still under contract," she noted
about the town's plowing needs.

For the concrete contract, Spen-
cer said she would contact the
other companies that had origi-
nally placed a bid, to see if they
will take on the contract.

As regards the heating of the
town office, Spencer asked, "Is it
cold enough in here for everyone?"

tion Board of Directors.

Smith announced that Central
Maine Highlands Fire and EMS
District No. 1 had been approved
for \$1,875,000 in a Congressio-
nally Directed Spending grant
procured by Sen. Susan Collins,
for the purchase of three new and
completely outfitted ambulances.

Smith said the town's veterans
honor roll volunteer committee
was scheduled to meet with Dusty
Cramps of Smet Monuments on
Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Burlington
Town Office, to review available
options for a veterans honor roll
monument.

The next meeting of the Burling-
ton Board of Selectmen is sched-
uled to occur Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at
the Burlington Town Office.

Our heaters aren't working good."

Spencer noted that the pumps
work well for cooling but are not
working for heating.

Staff have been using two space
heaters in the small office room,
while awaiting repair or replace-
ment of the heaters, noted Spen-
cer.

At the time, the town had not
yet been able to secure an HVAC
technician to service the pumps.

Also reported by Spencer was
that the town had received a sum-
mons related to a lawsuit by Pe-
nobscoot Energy Recovery Com-
pany against Eagle Point Energy
Center.

PERC owned and operated a
waste-to-energy facility until
2023, when its assets were sold at
an auction to EPEC.

The lawsuit alleges the EPEC
fraudulently claimed PERC's
waste disposal agreements with
towns as its own contracts and
that the contracts were not among
the assets sold at auction.

PERC named 44 towns, includ-
ing Passadumkeag as parties-in-
interest in the lawsuit.

The next meeting of the Pas-
sadumkeag Board of Selectmen
is scheduled to occur Feb. 19 at 6
p.m. at Passadumkeag Town Of-
fice.

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us to do it," Brendan Crocker
said.

Rojo asked how the request for
bids was put out; Brendan Crock-
er answered that they were done
by invitation to local businesses,
not by public notice.

Rojo suggested forming a regis-
try of businesses interested in re-
ceiving requests for bid proposals
from the town.

Ireland said, "I was talking with
a few other landscaping compa-
nies outside of Lincoln and one
thing that I learned is, landscap-

ing companies don't like mowing
cemeteries."

Moving on to other business,
the council voted unanimously
to continue contracting with SHL
Enterprise Solutions to provide
the town with economic develop-
ment services.

In the only contested vote of the
night, the council voted 4-3 in fa-
vor of requiring the town manager
to provide monthly reports on the
fuel use, mileage and engine use
of all town-owned vehicles. Clay,
Moison and Street voted against

the measure.

Extensive debate between Ire-
land and Street took place during
discussion of the motion, with
each councilor offering differing
interpretations on the scope and
authority granted to the council in
the town charter.

Street commented to Lincoln
News after the meeting, "Remem-
ber during the campaign when
David Ireland invited me to hold
a debate with him? I think we just
had it."

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